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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOM RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BOOKS

REF: STATE 59328

FOR EB/CBA/BP

1. STUDY BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (SIC) STILL NOT RELEASED AND NO ACTION TAKEN TO DATE TO RESTRICT BOOK IMPORTS INTO MEXICO. SIC SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT STUDY WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED SOMETIME IN APRIL. AS REPORTED MEXICO 695 AND MEXICO 864, INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE SIC GROUP WILL RPT WILL RECOMMEND RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE WILL NOT BE OVERLY STRINGENT AND WILL APPLY ONLY TO SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOKS. TRADITIONAL IMPORTERS WILL BE GRANTED HIGHER NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS PER BOOK TITLE THAN NON-TRADITIONAL IMPORTERS SUCH AS SUPER MARKETS. THEREFORE, IMPACT OF ANTICIPATED RESTRICTIONS WILL MOST SERIOUS HURT SPANISH AND ARGENTINE EXPORTS AS THESE COUNTRIES SPECIALIZED IN INEXPENSIVE POPULAR EDITIONS AND HAVE BEEN FLOODING MEXICAN MARKET IN RECENT MONTHS CAUSING CONCERN BY MEXICAN PUBLISHERS AND TRADITIONAL BOOK IMPORTERS. US SPANISH-LANGUAGE BOOK EXPORTS, WHICH TEND TO BE MORE TECHNICAL AND SPECIALIZED, SHOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. WHILE SIC SOURCE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO INDICATE IMPORT LIMIT PER COPY SIC STUDY GROUP EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SECRETARY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT

RESTRICTIONS ON BOOK IMPORTS WOULD BE "RATIONAL" AND
"NON-DISCRIMINATORY".

2. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF SIC STUDY
GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE RELEASED.
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